

THE
SECOND PART
OF THE RENOWNED
Historie of *Fragosa* King
of *Aragon*.

Together with the strange fortunes and
heroycall deedes performed by his three
Sonnnes, and the worthy president of
Loue in his faire daughter
FLERMIA.

Right pleasant for the aged to driue away Melan-
choly thoughts, and profitable for the young
to behold the often variations
of the fickle World.

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Renowned Historie of the Children of *Fragosa*,
entituled, the Mirrour of Magnanimity,
and *Cupids* conquest.

CHAP. I.

Of the sorrow that was made by the Queene and her Ladies, when they heard of the imprisonment of *saie Albina* and *Dorosa*: also the letters that *Albina* sent to the false accuser *Mordeno*, and to *Dorosa*, beeing in the Dungeon: with other things that happened.



Sooner were the Messengers returned, and the tydings of *Albinaes* imprisonment blazed abroad in the Court, and come vnto the *Quænes* eare, but shee surprized with an extreame sorrow, fell into a swoond, all supposing shee had bene dead: this caused such a quaking feare among the Ladies, that there was nothing seene in all the Palace but weeping and sad lamentations, some mourning for *Albina*, others growing for the

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Quenes extremitie, and all sorrowing for the offence which they imagined Dorosa had committed. The Quene at length being come to her selfe, and not able to conceale her anguish, with an extreame sigh, breathed forth these complaints: *Oh my Ladies, why did you not suffer me quietly to depart, rather then to live in this Ocean of vnsupporable passions: for what pleasure can remaine to me in life, seeing I am deprived of her which was the onely ioy and comfort of mine age? Oh my lovely daughter Albina, the hope of whom was the onely support of my silver haire; happy had I bene if I had died in thy child bed, or thou perished in the birth, and well may I wish, that the day of thy natiuitie had bene the terme of thy life. Alas, must my greatest blisse proue my greatest bale, my chiefe delight proue my deapest discontent, and the disgrace of my family with grace bying me to my graue? O Albina, haue I liued to see thee thus corrupted of infamie, and must mine eyes behold the dissolution of thy body, and due execution for thy former follies? Alas, too seuer a sentence for so sweet a Saint: too sharpe a blowe for so beautifull a Damosell, and too cruell a iudgement of a father against his childe. Oh vnfortunate Dorosa! whose lasciuious treachery hath poysoned the haughtinesse of thy valour, and whose aspiring wickednes hath wrought thine owne confusion. If heretofore against our auncient and maleuolent enemy, the Turke, thou diddest vs any seruice worthy of honour, now hast thou with great wrong reuenged thy selfe, by taking from vs that good which thou canst neuer restore: but let this suffice, that for thy disordered dealing thou shalt receiue such condigne punishment, as shalt remaine for a perpetuall remembrance. If the Quene take the cause thus prauously, no lesse was the sorrow of the Prince Ferraro, for the misdemeanour of Dorosa, whom aboue all other he loved most entirely: and likewise for his sister Albina, and being thus sad and peniue, he walked into the Gardens*

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adjoining to the Tower, where Albina was imprisoned: thus chewing vpon his melancholy passions, he heard Albina, who hauing vnderstood the hard censure of her father, fell into these complaints, *Oh heavenly Creator of all things! what is there in this life, but sorrow and anguish of minde: no longer am I free from the rock of Scylla, but I sinke into the gulf of Charibdis, no longer delivered from the disordinate loue of that cursed Mahumattist, but I perish through the enue of a wicked Athiest. Alas Albina, vnder the influence of what sinister aspect wert thou borne? what vnfortunate Planet had domination at the time of thy natiuitie? Oh cruell destinies! thus to tyrannize and triumph ouer the innocent and guiltlesse! Oh cruell Mordeno, what furiousnesse hath possessed thy soule, that thou canst thus sweare and forswear in so false accusation. Alas Mordeno, hath too much loue made thee mad, or iealousie so long lodged in thy breast, that it hath bereaued thee of thy senses: wilt thou either force mee to loue or sake by thy villany to spill my blood? But wherein hath Dorosa offended thee? hath she in hazarding his owne life, in defending of thee, thy possessions, and all Hungaria from destruction, deserued such an vntimely death? Alas Dorosa, that I loued thee I confesse, yet thy deserts were greater then my loue: but God knoweth that I neuer had either such thought or wish of vncleanenesse, as I am traiterously accused, yea and already condemned and iudged of: more griefe vnto me is the danger of thy life, then the full expecting of my spædie death: but death shall be the end of my sorrows, and death is the lesse griefe in that I be an Innocent, and so virtuous a Gentleman as thy selfe; whose loue toward mee how great it was I might well perceiue, yet did neuer any motion thereof procede forth thy lips. Oh being my father, thou puttest to death thine owne flesh and blood, vpon false and suborned accusations. Oh Prince Ferraro, thy sister Albina who hath loved thee as her life, and bene as*

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here unto thee as thine owne soule, must die a most infamous and reproachfull death, innocent of the crime, yet condemned by rigour: yea, and with me must thou lose thy faithfull Pylades, thy trusty Damon, thy noble friend Dorosa, he which defended thy life from that monstrous Mordaco. Oh Quene my mother, your daughter Albina which was the only comfort of your life, must die through the false protestations of that cursed Mordeno. Thus clasping her armes together, being conuincd with heaviness, I leaue the extremitie of her griefe to them that haue tasted the like mishap. Feraro hauing all this while hearkened to the sad lamentation of his sorrowfull sister, with the teares falling from his eyes, hee offered these speeches. Alas Feraro, how is thy heart overcharged with griefe at the hard hap of thy friend: is it possible that this should be an inuented and an intended mischief of the Duke: yea, no doubt it is no otherwise. Why Feraro, though his accusation be true, yet why shouldst thou not endeavour, labour, yea and strue with maine and might, to mitigate the rigour of thy Fathers sentence: A perfect friend Feraro, should be like the bird Ibis, which the longer it liueth the sweeter it smelleth, or like the Glasse-worme which shineth most bright in the darke. Why then Feraro, leaue no meanes vnassayed, or danger vnattempted, to purchase their liberty: yea, if it be with hazard of thine owne life: for if he voluntarily by the aduerture of his person, deliuered thee and all Hungaria from ruine, why shouldst not thou with the like kindnesse requite his actions: yea, let Fortune doe her worst, hap what hap may, I will either free them from this perill, or my selfe will make the third in this tragedie. While Feraro rested in this determination, Albina hauing breathed her selfe after her complaints, taking Pen and Inke, wrote these letters following.

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To the wicked Mordeno, shame to his person, hatred to his conditions, confusion to his substance, and endlesse torments to his guiltie Conscience.

Mordeno, haddest thou bene as valiant, as thou art villainous, or as victorious, as thou art vicious, we had in the late warres been in lesse danger of our enemies, and thou gayned more fame for thy worthinesse, which is nothing but a heape of cowardize: by the fruit Mordeno is the tree knowne; thy blossom was faire, but thy fruit like the Apple of Asia, more bitter then gall, and the tree can be no other but a stalke of pestilence. Oh damned Caitife, with what eyes canst thou behold the writing of her that sees into thy heart, where nothing remaineth but furie, and nothing lodgeth in thy entrailles but heapes of crueltie. If thou thinke Mordeno that I loued Dorosa, small hope haddest thou to obtaine my liking, vlesse thou thinke me like the foolish Widow, that changed all her old gold for new glasse, or to resemble the filthy Swine, which leaue the cleane streame to drink in foule puddles: but haddest thou intended to gaine my loue, thou shouldst not thus haue gone the wrong way to the Wood, but haue remembred there is a time that the Lamb will like the Wolues eare, Gutta cauat lapidem non vi sed sepe cadendo, in time the slowest Swaile climeth the highest tree: What Mordeno, art thou so simple, that thou thinkest to catch a Hare with a Laboz: tush the Foxe will eate no Grapes, and thou shadowing a faire shew vnder a soule pretext, wilt seeke by periurie to cut away Albina, in that thou thinkest her no lettice for thy lips: yet know Mordeno that some escape after the Whittian hath giuen his iudgement to the contrary, and the Patient is oft-times nigbest death, when he thinketh himselfe past his disease: this I say, in that according to the old

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many things happen betwene the cup and the lip, and that which is looked for of many, is neuer seen of any: then know Mordeno, that I am not so farre past but I may escape, nor thou so secure from danger, but spædie Death may stand at the doore: thus hoping the one, and expecting the other, I wish thee seare euill.

By the trayterously accused,
the chaste *Albina*.

To the worthie *Dorosa*, release of imprisonment, triall of
innocencie, encrease of honour, and end-
lesse felicitie.

How hard thy imprisonment seemes to thy person, or with what patience thou sustainest thy affliction, I know not, but being a chaunce most suddaine, so such vnexpected euents are all other most strange: thou art innocent of the crime, and I suppose thee ignorant of the cause, but this is but a tragedie invented by Zealonsie, intended by enuie, and perfozmed by perjured villanie. But *Dorosa* seeing the deffenies haue assigned this doome, and suspicion so well played the *Dratour*, as he hath procured the sentence of guilt: beate thy sorrow with the more patience, in that the cause commeth of affection, and thou hast an equall partaker in thy affliction. A fire deuided into two parts, burneth lesse vehemently: the burthen of *Atlas* laid on the shoulders of many, seemeth lesse waightie: *Ixeons* labour would haue bene the lighter if *Iano* had endured the like punishment, *Solamen miseris socios habuisse doloris*. It is a comfort to haue a fellow in miserie. And *Dorosa* let this imprisonment seeme the lesse loathsome since thou sufferest the same for thy supposed *Louer*: but alas *Dorosa*, how should *Albina* play the *Whistler*, seeing her owne disease is past cure: how should I procure
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thy safety, being my selfe beyond all hope of safegard, or comfort another, and remaine comfortlesse my selfe. Is it not a common saying, *Medice cura teipsum*, first cast thee moate out of thine owne eye: then, seeing I can helpe thee with nothing but prayers, nor ease my passions with nothing but patience, I haue writ this Letter, to signifie why thou art restrained of thy liberty, and what iudgement is pronounced against thee. Know then that *Mordeno* hath by fained accusations, and false *Dathes* accused vs of unclearenesse, and the King giuen sentence of death, according to the law in that case prouided. I am partaker of the iudgement, and am like to endure this iniustice thy fellow in prisonment, and thy *Louer* untill death. Let it then suffice thee, to know for certaintie that which hitherto hath bene bewrayed by signes, that *Albina* looses thee, hath loosed thee since she first saw thee, will remaine thy *Louer* during her life, and to beare thee companie, shall rest contented with her death: thus praying for iustice, more sorrowfull for thy danger then her owne distresse: farewell.

Thine liuing and dying
the sorrowfull *Albina*.

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CHAP. II.

How Feraro being in discontent and griefe, for his sister Albina, and his trustie friend Dorosa, rode forth and met with a Knight called Corrillus, who was sonne vnto the Duke Plauto, and how he declared vnto him that Donuallo had slaine himselfe, and of the warre that the Duke of Muscouia made against Polonia, for the loue of faire Flermia, and of other accidents.



Albina hauing finished these Letters, she sent them by her Damozell, who immediately deliuered the first vnto Mordeno, who although hee were toucht to the quicke, yet in the end resting carelesse of her taunts, in that he gaped with greedie talues after her vntimely death, tooke the Letter, teared it in peeces, and cast the same into the fire: then the Damozell going toward the dungeon, caused the other forthwith to be deliuered to Dorosa, who hauing opened the same, and perceiued the effect, vnderstanding the loue of the Princeesse, and the extreame danger wherein they both remained, sending forth vallies of sighes, and rending his comely lockes of haire for very anguish of minde, bedewing his cheekes with an stean of brinish teares, he fell into these complaints.

Oh miserable Dorosa, thy misfortunes are more then thy yeares, and thy punishment beyond all means. Oh unhappie Caitiffe, what hast thou to doe, but lament when thine euill fortune yelds nothing but cause of lament? Why should thy life last, to endure these torments, and not rather to dissolue into vnsane Cenciues?

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O cruell Fortune, that thus satorest all thy pleasure at such a costly price, thou shewest mee a faire picture, but drawne with an infectious paint: and in stead of Roses, thou giuest mee a Rose-gay of Nettles. O deceitfull Strumpet, that for a faire Apple giuest mee the bitter sweete, in stead of an Ele thou presentest mee with a Snake, and in offering to kisse mee, thou giuest mee the stabbe. O world, thou hast so short continuances in thy vanities, that thou ledest all wandring in vnsustenance, from a Prince thou diddest abase mee to a Peasant, and for faire Gardens, stately Palaces, and large possessions, thou committest me to filthie lodgings, a soule burgeon, and loathsome saours: Alas Dorosa, how is thy delight seasoned with discontent, thy hony mixt with gall, thy Sugar mingled with salt, and thy sweetest syrope with most bitter Aloes? But alas Dorosa, hast thou a companion in miserie, yea such a one as is not a comfort, but a corosive to thy heart, not a salve to thy soze, but a surfet to thy soule, nor a pill to digest thy discontent, but a plague to procure thy sorow.

Alas Albina, would my thraldome might purchase thy libertie, my death ransom thee from the like. O cursed King, haue I preserved thy estate, and rescued thy life, to cause the destruction of my selfe. Oh unkinde Father, to giue so cruell a censure vpon so vertuous a child. Oh wicked Mordeno, that through thy periury procurest the death of the rarest creature vnder the whole circuit of the heauens, with this being conuincied with the extremities of his sorowes, the abundance of his teares stopped the passage of his speech. All this while, Feraro resting in his dumpes of discontent, deuising what meanes were best to be vsed, for the speedie deliuerie of his friends, and being thus sad and pensieue, calling for his Hackney, hee rode abroad into the fields, thinking eyther to burie his malecontent in obliuion, or finde some

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medicine to release their martyrdoms: while he was thus riding an easie pace, there over-tooke him a knight errant, one that had vowed to consummate his life in traualles, either to winne himselfe a name by prouing strange adventures, or to delight his humour with viewing the situation of pleasant Countries. This knight seeing the Prince in such costly attire, presently supposed him to be some mighty Lord in that Country: and hauing given him a most courteous salutation beholding the map of sorrow purtrayed in his brow, fell into these speeches.

Worthy knight, the beaunitie of your countenance deciphering the hardnesse of your hap, and the image of griefe seated in your face, bewrayeth the Chaos of variations which are lodged in your breast, the sight whereof hath taken such effectuall instance in my heart, that I am already full competitor of my woes, and being the due tie of every worthy knight, to aide the distressed, and to their power to minister comfort to the afflicted, so I perceiving by your outward looke, a sure signe of your inward sorrow, if it please you to manifest the cause, I should not onely thinke my selfe bound to requite your courtesie, but to my abilitie remaine ready to redresse your griefe, or with my aduice perswade you for the best, or if neither of these can proueile to be partaker of the anguish of your minde. Ferrar hearing him procede in these friendly tearmes, replied in this manner. Sir knight, and my very good friend, as the shew of my face bewrayeth the greatnesse of griefe, so it is so much the greater, in that I finde no cause to hinder the effect of my sorrow, which is no other, but onely for the danger of certaine of my friends (more deere vnto me then mine owne life) by a conceiued displeasure against them by the King my Father: for which, I see no meanes of redresse, untill the Almighty mollifie his minde, or fortune her selfe procure remedie. Thus hauing in briefe fulfilled your

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your request: for your regrantification I craue your name, your Country, and kindred, and withall the cause that thus procureth your traualle: this said, the knight proceeded in this manner.

Gracious Prince, although to recte my kindred, is but to rake fire out of the cinders, and in rehearsing my Country and cause of my traualle: I may say with Enneas, Infandum iubes renouare dolorum: yet least I should epyther some ingratifull for your kinde answer, or to promise much and performe little, attend the discourse of my ensuing tale and you shall be fully certified: first vnderstand, that the famous King Fragoza of Aragon, had in his life-time thre sonnes, and one onely daughter, who Languens in extremis super lectum, bequeathed his Crowne and dignitie to Donvallo the eldest, an unlike siene of such a stock, one as full fraught with vices, as neuer the father was filled with vertues: to the other two young Princes, children of great hope of future honour; to the eldest of the twaine he gaue the Dukedome of Aorina, and therewithall forty thousand Duckets to be paid out of the treasure, committing his education and bringing vp, together with the reuenewes of his fozz-said Dukedome, to the Earle Plauto my Father: to the other brother he bequeathed the Castle and Towne of Dorzo likewise, with fifty thousand crownes to be paid out of the Coles of Aragon: to his daughter Flermia he gaue forty thousand pound, with charge that she should be transported vnto her Aunt, the Quene of Poland, which was immediately performed, and where she now remaineth: now soon after the Kings decease, the second brother being under the tuition of my Father, was stolne away and murdered, as we suppose by the subtiltie and treason of his brother then King: since which time hee was neuer knowne nor heard of. This young Duke being thus lost, my Father who loued him most tenderly, in the bitternesse and anguish of his minde, caused to be sought

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sought throughout all that Country, but all in vaine, it was but lost labour, they sought but him among the living, which was consoled with the dead. But now Donvallo the King, seeing this, counterfeited a mighty discontent, yet his griefe was not so great, but he could quickly seize both his possessions and treasures into his owne hands: and not content with this, caused my Father to be apprehended of treason, for the death of his brother: and thus in briefe dispatched him of his life. And this done, he likewise seized all his livings as forfeit to his State: now not long after, feigning great sorrow for the losse of the one brother, he would needs have the other, who was then kept by the Marquesse of Kino into his owne hands: and having his desire therein satisfied, caused him not long after to bee likewise done away. Now this being full eight yeeres past, after which time I being come unto mans estate, sued by entreaty that hee would restore the former honours of my Fathers house; which he taking in displeasure, did not onely make flat answers to the contrarie, but according to his wonted crueltye, did for ever banish me the Country. This I say is the efficient cause of my trauaile: but now not long since, as I am credibly informed, the Nobles of his Kingdome noting his misdemeanours, rebelled against him, and the teath of this last moneth ioyning their Armies in the field, the King being in the end discomfited, and cailing to minde his former massacres, which he many waies committed, slew himselfe. Now is the young Princeesse heire apparent to the Crowne, the most vertuous and exquisite Lady this day living, and is yet remaining in Polonia, and for her sake and her Cousen, the Kings daughter, likewise heire to her Father, and in beauty not much inferiour to the other, doe the Graund Duke of Musconia, and with him a most mighty and barbarous Tartarian, wage warre against Polonia, desiring to haue the one of them the beautifull Flermia, and the other to enjoy the Prin-

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Princeesse Lucibella, daughter to the King of Polond: for this, I say, is all that Country begirt with cruell enemies, and great pittie it were two such Princeesses should be ioyned to two such wicked Infidels, whose like are not this day living, and greatly is this same to be feared, in that their power is so mighty, having also in their Armie eight or nine strong and dreadfull Giants; and now although I had onely bent my life to trauaile, hearing hereof, I doe purpose to direct my course thither, either there to end the loathsome pilgrimage of my life, or else to ad some thing, whereby to recover the reputation of my decayed honours. Thus noble Princeesse haue I fulfilled your demaund, concerning my unhappinesse, and that unfortunate Country of Aragon.

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How Feraro plotted how Dorosa might escape out of prison, and atchieued it, then hee and Dorosa rode to Corillus, to whom vpon Corillus surmise, Dorosa made himselfe knowne, and how they trauailed toward Polonia: and how Dorosa writ vnto Androgio King of Hungaria in excuse of faire Albina, & himselfe.



These reports of the Princeesse Flermia created such new passions in the heart of Feraro, as he felt in himselfe the puissance of a little God. Thus being tormented with griefe for his friends, and troubled with his new entertained amours toward Flermia, his minde was transported into continuall cogitations, first rememb'ring the noblenesse of her birth: secondly, the beauty and vertues which Corillus ascribed vnto her, and then that she was heire to the whole Kingdome. All these were such

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such spurs to a free horse, as he purposed if it were possible to obtaine the faire Flermia to his wife: but when on the other side hee called to minde his want of knowledge and ignorance in loues affaires, the great Dainties which continually volued their deuotions and seruices to such worthy Ladies: and lastly, the horrible warres, and cruell enemies wherein Polonia was besieged, such a quaking feare possessed euery sinew, as if his soule would immediately haue left the mansion of his body, and flowne septh into the Elysian fields. But while he was thus perplexed in this Chaos of confused deuotions, hee suddenly apprehended this deuice, which was how he might get Dorofa out of prison by some wile, and with him and Corillus the Dragonian knight to take his speedy passage into Polonia: resolving likewise with himselfe that Dorofa being escaped out of prison, his Father would spare to execute his displeasure and hard sentence vpon his sister Albina.

This determination stirring his humour, hee againe began for to continue his talke further in this manner. Sir Corillus, the liking which I haue of your person, together with the desire I haue to see strange and forraine Countries, and the great commendation and praise which you haue given of that sacred and beautifull Princesse, hath taken such deepe root in my minde, as I will not onely beare you company my selfe, in these trauailes, but will also procure another my especiall good and kinde friend, to doe the like, being a knight in balour second to none vnder the circuit of the heauens: hoping that wee shall performe such deedes of chivalrie, vpon these heathen Cantibals, as their carcases shall witnesse the worthinesse of our deuotes.

Corillus hearing this, applauding his hap of such good companie, embraced Feraro in his armes, offering all thanks for his kindnesse, protesting himselfe his beloued friend and seruant vntill death. Thus hauing ended their gratulations, Feraro appointed to call him the next morning

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ring at a place called Dopping, which was about some thirtie miles from the Kings Court, and with serious promises of future friendship, they greue each other his farewell for that night, and departed. Corillus being gone, Feraro halsted presently to the vnsurgeon where Dorofa lay, and coming thither, with a fained excuse he told the keeper hee must speake with the prisoner vpon some carrell businesse from the king; the keeper made no deniall in this case, but permitted him quietly to enter: where being within, he told Dorofa so tolerne with griefe, and pined away with sorrow, as it seemed impossible so short a time, should haue been so strange an alteration. Dorofa seeing Feraro, came forward to meete him, which the Prince seeing, with the teares standing in his eyes, as one partaker of his griefe, felt about his necke and embraced him in his armes, in the most kinde order he could devise. This being done, the Prince declared vnto him what newes he heard of Corillus, recounting vnto him briefly from point to point all that he had said: and how he determined in his person to goe for the Princesse Flermia, and by a wile helpe him out of prison to be his companion in this Iourney, perswading him also that the King his Father would cease from any further vengeance toward Albina, he being once escaped. Though Dorofa was abashed at this tidings, and grieved for the decay of his friends, and most especially for the cruelty used toward the Earle Plauto, and his younger brother Pleudippo: yet being cheered with hope of present deliuerie, and the glory of his ensuing Kingdome, to the which he now knew himselfe next heire, promised herein to assist the Prince to the uttermost of his abilitie.

Thus hauing resolved vpon their determinate purpose, Feraro let Dorofa in prison, and departed, and fitted himselfe and Dorofa of horses and armour in: the morning he commaunded one of the Grooms of the Stable to bring them into the Stable a little beside the vnsurgeon, and

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came to about his coming. All things being thus in a readinesse, about nine of the clocke the Prince went againe to the prison, and coming by the Watch, they knowing him to be the Kings sonne, permitted him quiet passage: but when hee came at the inward gate and demanded the key of the keeper, he made him absolute answer, that hee neither would or durst let any man enter at such inconuenient houres. The Prince hearing this discourteous answer, leaving his hope should be frustrated, pulled forth his dagger, and stabbed him presently to the heart: then taking the keys, went boldly into the dungeon, where againe embracing each other, they came forth at nine in arme to the inward gate, where the Porter lay dead, there taking each of them a Halbert, they determined to breake through the Watch by force: but at length Feraro remembryng a backe doore, they escaped out at the same without making any noyse or rumour, and so going to the place appointed, they presently armed themselves, mounted their Courriers, and departed, making such expedition, that before Phœbus had bailed the curtain of the night, they were safely arriued at Dording, where Corillus lodged, who being not yet by, Feraro betooke himselfe to his rest, thinking to keepe a nap: but Dorofa being repleat with griefe, and penfius to remember the danger imminent ouer the Princesse, wryt to the King as followeth.

To the gracious and most mightie Andregio,
King of Hungaria, health, patience,
and peace.

Worthy King, I wryte not as one enclosed in a filthy dungeon. but as a free Libertine, managing his Courrier vpon the Plaines, not as slave to the County of Turrairie, who as the Duke of Pozenna affirms, keepe many better then my selfe, neither as one

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breathing thy power, in that I am already escaped thy fears, not as one of thy busiest subjects, but as a free knight at Armes, Prince of Aragon, and heere apparant to the Crowne, sonne to the late King of famous memory Fragoſa, and brother to the late Donvallo deceased, whose lewd life was as much despised in Aragon, as is death deserved by that false Mordeno in Hungaria. For my deliuerie, I yeeld praise to the protector of Innocents, & thanks to my noble friend, the Prince Feraro, who hath honourably requited my former aid against the Pagan, and bound me to be his in all friendly amity. Worthy King, my greatest and onely request is this, that your excellent daughter the Princesse Albina, may according to Justice, haue triall of her innocency, and thinke that all her accusation is nothing but a compacted knauery, or inuented villanie, by that wicked and periurcd Mordeno; who seeing he could not enjoy her loue, hath by his hatred sought the end of her life, and thinking me to be fauoured by the Princesse, hath secretly intended this balefull tragedie: that I loued her I denie not, yet neuer further then her honour and my honesty did allow: looke vpon the clearenesse of her cause, and preferre not wrath before Justice: Hast hastneth woe, Tempus edax rerum, referre all things to Time, and examine her cause by the touchstone of truth: thus wishing Albinas deliuerie, and your Maiesties endlesse felicitie, I cease.

Dorofa of Aragon.

This Letter being dispatched, Dorofa caused the same with all speed to be conuayed to the King. But as soon as the night exchanged his sable mantle, and Aurora with dayes bright vesture graced the Orient, Corillus who thought it then to be true mens houre, rosyng himselfe from his bed came forth out of his Chamber: out of which he was no sooner come, but Feraro hauing spoken off his

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brother flumber greeted him. They hauing giuen each o-
ther a kinde good-morrow they walked forth into the hall,
where in a discontented mood they found Dorota in a
Chaire, leaning his head upon his hand, where so soone
as they were entred Corillus looking steadfastly in his face
with more then a curious surueiw, shadewing his face
with a frowning white, an Ocean of brinish teares streamed
along his cheekes, which Ferraro seeing, uttered these of
the like speeches. What he! now Corillus? what sodain
griefe hath seized upon your heart: that thus in a figure of
discontent it comes it telle with teares: what chere man-
effeminate passions, to laugh and weep all with one kinde
full man, let not the remembrance of decayed honors pro-
duce such vncouth alterations, nor the feare of any future
fortunes drive thee into these disparaging dumps. Nay,
worthy Prince (replied Corillus) it is not the crabbe-
neste of Fortune (which in time to come may growe as
kinde as she hath bene cruell, in that like Proteus she de-
lighteth in nothing but change) that can thus animate me
with sadnesse, or the feare of her insuing Ataraxia: I
found me with sorrow, in that I hold her Deity in con-
tempt, by breaking her thwarts with content, but Noble
Prince quoth he, (and there againe with abrupt sighes,
making a pause) it is the remembrance of that lost Prince
of whom this knight here present puttereth mee in minde,
in whom appeared the liuely sparkes of true curtesy and
magnanimitie: he which was the perfect image of his ver-
tuous father, and the only hope of all Aragonia: I meane
that young Dorota, whose losse was the death of my fa-
ther, the decay of mee his Sonne, and the dissolution of
the whole kinde: to remember this I say, produceth not
onely the teares from mine eyes, but also the wacmess and
best blood from my heart.

Dorota seeing Corillus in this agonie of minde, being
not able any longer to conceale himselfe, with the teares
standing in his eyes, taking and embracing him in his
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armes, he then uttered these kinde and louing speeches.
Good friend Corillus cheere vp thy selfe, and for cease this
extremitie of passions, cleere vp thy saith all heart from
these claudes of impatience, and bury those implacable
cruelties of that deceased Donvallo in the loth of obliu-
on: thinke no more of the likenesse of Dorota, but of the
loue which Dorota will beare toward thee for thy sorowful
aristie: wepe not for his person, but reioyce to be-
hold his substance, neither giue to surueiw his picture,
but gather courage to embrace his person, for heere thou
Corillus hast Dorota, who was committed to thy fathers
custodie, made away by crueltie, but conserued by an om-
nipotent power.

Corillus hearing him say these wordes, and fully per-
swading himselfe they were true, embracing him in his
armes, he was so surprised and raiuyht with ioy as for a
long time he held him fast looking on him, not able to utter
one word: but at length hauing recovered the liberty of
his lost speeches, with many kinde gestures and much plea-
sant talke, they both began to forget their sorowes. Af-
ter sundry gratulations on both parties, they set forward
on their iourney: in which many relations of their sor-
tunes, and histories of their preter accidents passed be-
twene them, cutting Times wings, and making the tedious-
nesse of their way not at all to be discerned by reason
of their pleasant discourses, giuing much content vnto Fe-
raro with the variety of their strange and vnerpected
chances.

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How newes was brought *Androgeo* of *Doroſaes* eſcape, and while hee called his Counſell to aduiſe what was beſt to be done, the letter of *Doroſa* was deliuered to the King, whereby he vnderſtood of *Doroſaes* birth & parentage, and how the King ordained the accuſation ſhould be cleared by battell, and how *Mordeno* provided a huge Gyant for his Champion, with other things that happened.



At now by this time word was brought vnto the King of *Doroſaes* eſcape, of the ſlaughter of the *Prayer*, and of *Feraro*'s departure: theſe tidings inſent ſt the King with ſuch a *Pygorean* ſurie, as he fully purpoſed to haue ſpeedy execution done vpon *Albina*; yet pauiſing herein a while, fearing to doe ſt in haſt he ſhould repent at leaſure: he called for the Nobles of his Councel, deſiring their wiſe and graue aduiſe in theſe diſaſter euents: they being all together, quot homines tot ſententia, euery one lent his ſenerall verdict, *Mordeno* only excepted: who now ſeeing he had miſt his marke of *Doroſa*, ſate as one with a ſea in his eare, ſpeaking neither good nor bad: while they were thus in the depth of their conſultation, arrived the Meſſenger that brought the letter from *Doroſa*, who being entred into the Hall, falling downe vpon his knees, and kiſſing the letter, he deliuered the ſame vnto the King: the King hauing broken vp the ſeale, gaue it to one of his Secretaries to reade: when they all heard the effect of *Doroſaes* Letter, they were all diuinen into a Labyrinth of admiration, at the ſtrangeneſſe of this hap, vntill an auuncient Knight ſpake as followeth. *Worthy* King and Lords,

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Lords, although this ſame miraculous vnto your perſons, yet is not the ſame altogether Hyperbolicall, for of certaintie, I haue both heard and knowne, that *Fragoſa* had three ſonnes *Donvallo*, *Doroſa*, and *Pleudippo*, two of the which were made away (after the eldeſt obtained the *Diamond*) which way none knoweth. Very well then (quoth the Countie of *Turrairie*) may this be one of them, in that this *Doroſa* was taken among the *Turkes*, as ſolde vnto them for a ſlave. And in very truth (quoth hee) in my opinion, the deep maieltie of his countenance hath continually deciphered him, to be of ſome high diſcent: then noting how he excited *Albina*, and accuſed the Duke (who ſate now as one in another world) they all concluded that the Princeſſe ſhould haue her triall by Combat, ſetting downe ten dayes liberty for the procuring of her Champion. Which *Mordeno* in perſon, or ſome other vndertaking his quarrell, ſhould perſorme againſt him. This newes was quickly carried vnto *Albina*, who truſting to the innocencie of her cauſe, glaſ to heare of *Doroſaes* eſcape, the honour of his birth, together with *Feraro*'s kindneſſe in that extremitie, hoping that all things would ſort for the beſt, ſerled herſelfe in content. Now *Mordeno* knowing the falſhood of his cauſe, and againe, fearing that *Doroſa* would returne to be defendan in this action, durſt not adventure the Combat on his owne perſon, but being gouernour of a certaine Iland not farre off, wherein was a huge Giant, for this Monſter (being there nurſed by ſome infernall Incubus, for ſome damnable intent) did the Duke ſend, to ſtand as Chalenger in this eminent danger. This Giant came with all ſpede, ſo that ere full ſix dayes were ſpent, he was at the appointed place, brauing all ſuch as durſt ſay, that *Mordeno* had repoſed any thing but the truth againſt *Doroſa* and the Princeſſe.

This deformed Califfe, ſo daunted the courage of all the Hungarian Knights, as not one of them durſt once giue a ſigne for her defence; euery one grudging that the Duke

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Duke should produce any such incarnate Monster, to encounter any man of meaner stature: thus did he rest in the field, no man daring to withstand him, where wee will leave him rayling at, and reviling the Hungarian knights for their cowardize, and followe Feraro, Dorosa, and Corrillus: These worthy Princes were not passed beyond the utter bounds of Hungaria, but Feraro was taken with a horrible feaver, which held him in such sort, as they were there forced to stay twelue dayes for his recouerie: at length taking himselfe well on the mending hand, with easie Iournies they passed on for Polonia, within the confines wherof they were no sooner entred, but they fell into the laps of a bond of two hundred and fifty Tartarian people, fierce, savage and cruell. These were there placed, to arrest all knights aduenturers that passed by, and also to keepe the Straights, least any should enter to aide or succour the Polonians. The Tartarians seeing these knights, summoned them to yeld themselves to serve the mightie Doroko of Tartaria, or else they were but dead. Dorosa having the perfect Characters of high balliance stamped in his heart, nothing dismayed at the multitude of their enemies, nor daunted with their over-brauing speeches, encountered with one of them so cruelly as he beheaded him quite ouer his horse croupe, Feraro and Corrillus served two other in like sort: but then were they forced to alight from their Habilities, the rest of the Tartarians being on foot, who with their whole rout encompassed them about, laying on loades in such furious manner, as they were there in extreame danger to end the date of their liues. And the winde being now fit to returne to Britaine, in this danger must I leaue them a while, to see what becomes of Pleudippo.

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CHAP. V.

How *Pleudippo* remaining with *Dorelio* King of Britaine, having heard of the victorie obtained against the Turkes, by the prowesse of one *Dorosa*, vnderooke trauaile, leauing his study, and determined to seeke his brother through the world, by the way hee set free a Lady called *Andrilla*, from a terrible Giant called *Cosmodril*, and wonne him for his slaue, and how the Duke made *Pleudippo* Knight for sauing his daughter.



Pleudippo having all this while remained with *Dorelio*, King of Britaine, educated from his first arrivall among the learned Artists of his Land, one day being at the Court, a knight errant there made rehearfall of the happy victorie obtained against the Turke by the Hungarians, onely by the haughtie prowesse of a youthfull Gentleman called *Dorosa*, relating the same from point to point, as is already expressed. *Pleudippo* attentiuely regarding his discourse, this name of *Dorosa* made him call to minde the serious vow which he solemnely protested in the depth of his distresse, to trauaile the uttermost confines, and search the most secret corners of the whole superficies of the earthly Globe, to finde out his beloued brother. With this sudden conceit taking him in the head, leauing the company, and walking out into an Arbour, to meditate vpon his newly conceived humours, he fell into these tearmes. *Pleudippo*, what doest thou thus daily poring on papers? seeking to contemplate thee by Art, when the destinies themselves doe assigne thee to Armes? FOND foole, is it not an olde proverbe, the more bookish, the more blockish? seest thou

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not often, that the greatest ~~Clarkes~~ ~~Clarkes~~ are not the wisest men, as for the Pleudippo, leave the study of Philosophie to subtil Sephisters, that by their ingenious Sillogismes take to proue the Crow white, as to such superstitious Astrologers, as by their sained figures and Mathematicall calculations, make credulous soles believe the Horse is made of graine Chafe: as to such vpright Lawyers, as with their chop-logicke and smooth tongues, can (though not coscience) yet tell a faire tale with small truth, and shadow that with a golden pretext, which being vncovered, is farre worse then euer or worse: tush Pleudippo, satis est quod sufficit: leave then thy icksome studie, and take for resolution by thy trauell: is it not better for thee as a Champion, to vndertake great Challenges, then thus in a corner to weare out thy time by wearing of thy wife? yes Pleudippo, and with this he set betwene his full resolution, to fit himselfe of horse and armour: and the third day following, vnknewne to the King or any of his Court, take hisourney to follow forraigne and strange adventures. Now the day of his departure approaching, no sooner did Phosphorus appeare about the Horizon in the orient, for the wing that Phœbus with his golden and bright Eaper was ready to baile the shadie curtaines of misty night, but hauing all things in a readinesse, mounted on a lustie Courser, he took his Vale of the Brittaines isle. Thus passing toward the Sea coast, he immediately imbarked himselfe for the land of Almaine, where the winde being fauourable within short time he safely arrived.

Sooner was this Aragonian landed on the Almaine shore, but he againe betooke himselfe of his trauailes: thus coasted he the Country, purposing to passe both high and low Almaine, and so into Hungaria, Patolea, Phrygia, Persia, Egypt, Asia minor and maior, with all the Nations belonging either to the Turke, Sculdane or Sophie. Thus trauailed he by many faire Townes, strong Castles, and many delightfull places, for the space of

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Five daies: now the seauenth day being come, riding in a low valley, hauing on the left hand a mightie mountain, and on the right hand a thicke and loffie wood: thus passing on his way he heard a small voice with a sorrowfull lamentation complaine in this manner: Oh vniuersal destinies, that haue awarded me this doome: Oh disastrous chance that hath thus deliuered me to death, and most vncertaine fortune that hath thus committed mee into the hands of this ugly monster, in whom is neither pity nor pietie. Thou Diuell incarnate, when will thy tyrannie haue an end? Thou filthy carcase without a Conscience, wherein some infernall spirit in stead of a soule doth inhabit: Thou fleshly furie, begotten by some Incubus, and nured by some enchanting sorceresse, for some damned intent.

Pleudippo hearing this complaint, and perceiuing the same to be before him, he touched his palfrey with the spur, who like the winged Pegasus, cut his way with such expedition, that in a short time he came to the place whence the cry came, where looking about, he saw a mighty, huge, and deformed Giant, who was euen then entering into the Wood, hauing a very beautifull Lady vnder his loathsome arme: he was huge of stature, full nine cubits high, of body thicke and corpulent, his hayze was long and shaggy, with his eares Dogge-like hanging vpon his shoulders, and hauing in his hand an huge Axe of Iron. Pleudippo seeing this vncome and feareful Monster, called vnto him in this wise: Discourteous and cruell villaine, what maketh thee so to abuse that excellent and beautifull Lady? I aduise thee to set her quickly out of thy hands, and deliuer her into my custodie, or by heauen I sweare I will send thy damned ghost to the pitchie and darke Acharon, or else here lose my life as a true trophie of my intent. The Giant hearing Pleudippoes speeches, covering his face with a frowne, shewing the cruelty of his disposition, with a harsh voyce hee replied in this manner.

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Thou bainglorious and artificiall bragart, is thy insolence and pride so great that thou darest to brye my patience with thy arrogant presumption? I tell thee malapert boy, though to fight with thee will rather discredit me, then adde any honour to me by obtaining the conquest of thee, (in regard I am able to deale with many in combate more absolutely worthy then thy selfe) yet thou proud skip-Iack, that I may correct thee for thy saucie behaviour and untamed headstrong enterpryse, and likewise give warning to others hereafter to bryde their malapertnesse come I say, and I will soon give thee the flesh to the Fowles of the Ayre, and will quench my furie and thirst with a carrouse of thy hearts blood. With this he setting downe the Lady from under his arme, made toward him with his Hache. Pleudippo nothing daunted with this his threatening byarado, leaped liuely off his horse to encounter with him on foote, and being something doubtfull of the great fortitude of this deformed fiend, hee purposed to keepe him out at his speares point. Now began betwixt them two a sharpe and cruell bickering, the Gyant laying about him with his weighty and massy Hache, and striking ever at Pleudippoes lance: now Pleudippo on the other side warts of his heauie blowes, ever kept his lance aloft ever ready upon the least advantage to goze the Gyant, and skipping lightly heere and there, the Gyants Hache still lighted on the ground, and Pleudippo before he could recouer it lent him many dangerous and deepe wounds, so that the earth was coloured with a vermillion eye, with the abundance of blood that issued out of the Gyants body, in so much that he began to wane faint with the losse of the same.

But at length such was his happe, that hee hitting the lance with his ponderous mace, the same shattered in peeces: then was Pleudippo forced to take him to his sword, and the Gyant striking at Pleudippo, he thinking to save himselfe from the blow with his shield, the same buckled so

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so under his furious stroke, that part of the force thereof lighted so upon his helme, that it made him fall downe upon his knees. The Gyant seeing this, forged about another blow, purposing therewith to have finished the combat, but Pleudippo recovering himselfe, thumped his blow, and let it fall upon the earth, and being incensed with rage to beheld the diuellish furie of the Gyant, leaped toward him, and stroke him upon the arme in such sort as his heauie mace fell out of his hand, the Gyant seeing himselfe now without a weapon, and his enemie ready with his piercing sword to goze him to the heart, being conuict with faintnes with the expence of his blood, and with extreame feare of his present death, he fell downe on his knees and yielded himselfe, humbly intreating Pleudippo to saue his life. Pleudippo being glad of this obtained victorie, granted his request, but with condition that ever after that he should truly and diligently serue and obey him as his siane: the Gyant loath to lose his life, ratified the same with an oath, swearing by al his Gods truly and obediently to fulfill his command: which he faithfully did, as you shall heare hereafter.

This done, Pleudippo applied certaine salues to his wounds, which hee carried about him for his owne vse, that were so precious, as within two daies the Gyants wounds were perfectly whole. Now the Lady seeing the Gyant Cosmodrill subdued, being past feare of his further villanie, came and fell downe at Pleudippoes feete, uttering these speeches. Worthy knight, and the wezles wonder, like mirrour of our time, and the most magnanimous under the architecture of the heavens, whose valour hath valiantly subiected the mightie, whose haughtie courage hath quailed the pride of the puissant, and whose conquering hand hath obtained the conquest of the unconquerable.

Pleudippo hearing her in these termes, taking her in his armes, and lifting her from the ground: Faire Ladies (quoth

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(quoth hee) in stead of these undeserued praises, yald prayers vnto the Almighty for you, happy deliuerance, and haue not any further feare of the treacherie of this terrible Caitiffe, for hee that with cruelty hath brought you captiue, shall with as much kindnesse recarrie you to your friends. The Lady fearing that Pleudippo vpon Cosmodrills promise of obedience, would haue committed her carriage onely vnto him. Valiant knight (quoth she) in the deluge of teares distilling from the eyes of an vnspotted virgin, may moue you to pittie, or the penetrating prayers of a poore distressed Lady procure you to compassion, commit not the surety of my life into his hands, whom none can escape with safety, whose greatest truth is but foule treason, whose faithfull promises faithlesse practises, and whose truest oades are but oapes deceits. But let mee intreat you to undertake the paines to conduct me to my fathers house, the Duke of Brunswicke, which is here within three leagues, and from whence this malicious monster hath this day by force taken me, for I being walking in a Garden nigh adioyning to my fathers Palace, with two other Ladies, he comming suddenly in, caught me by vnder his arme, as heere you saw him, and brought me to this place, pretending in this Word to haue abused me at his pleasure, as he hath done many other Ladies and Damofels. Sundry knights were there by which heard my cry when I was taken of the Giant, but none so hardie as to resist his diuellish determination: for so many are the Ladies hee hath deslowed, and bestroge, the knights that he hath slaughtered, and the great massacres he hath committed, that not onely the whole Dukedome are in feare of his tyrannie, but generally all this part of the Empire.

Say Madame (quoth Pleudippo) it was neuer my intent to commit you to his custodie, further then mine eyes were witnesses of his good behauiour toward your person. And with this, Pleudippo mounting vpon his Palfrie,
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commanded Cosmodrill to set Audrilla (for so was this Lady called) behinde him, and hee himselfe to follow on foot. Thus passed they along, vntill they came vnto the Dukes Pallace, where Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, were no sooner espied, but all the gates were immediately made fast, euery one running into their houses, for feare least Cosmodrill should haue wrought their destruction, whose strength they supposed a puissant Armie was not able to withstand. Pleudippo being come to the gates, and finding them fast barred, he commanded Cosmodrill to knock, who with his soule fist, gaue such strokes vpon the gate, as they sounded through all the Pallace, but none within would giue any answer, which Pleudippo seeing and being informed by Audrilla, that they within were terrified with the sight of that terrible Cosmodrill, he commanded him first to take the Lady from her horse, and then to depart and wait his comming the next day, at a place which he appointed. The Giant immediately promised to performe his command, shewing himselfe very louing and obedient; the one in that he so courteously saued his life, the other in not daring to offend. So soone as Cosmodrill was gone, Pleudippo and Audrilla went further from the gates, that they within out at the windowes might descrie who they were. When they in the Castle sawe the Dukes daughter in the custodie of a strange knight, and the Giant departed, they knew not what to thinke, whether they might feare any further treacherie or no: all of them holding it impossible, that Cosmodrill should by force of any be brought into subiection. Audrilla seeing them thus slow to giue her entertainment, called to some which were vpon the walles, saying: What doe you thus deferre to open the gates, see you not that I am safe deliuered from that dreadfull and diuellish Cosmodrill, and now vnder the protection of that magnanimous and lone-bozne Partialist: why then delay you to open the gates?

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These words of Audrilla struck such a sodaine applause into their hearts, that in a confused manner they all ranne thronging on heapes, some of them striving to open the gates, others who should first beare this wished tydings to the Duke and Dutchesse, who having their hearts oppressed with a flood of cares, for the mishap of their daughter, sate in their Chamber sighing out their sorowes. Now no sonet did they heare of this fortunate event, but converting their Labyrinth of griefe into a world of joy, they in all hast came into the Castle yard, they there met Pleudippo and Audrilla, who were already entered. The Duke entertaining Pleudippo in his armes, and having given him the bien venu, he went forward to his daughter, which Audrilla seeing, falling upon her knees did her dutifull reverence.

The Duke and Dutchesse having thus affectionately embraced their daughter, Audrilla immediately declared the manner of her deliverie, with the whole circumstance, as you have already heard, the Duke understanding the whole discourse, again embracing Pleudippo in his armes uttered these speeches. Worthy knight, whose high prowess may well be imitated, but never equalled, and whose unspeakable desert may for ever be remembered, but never sufficiently recompenced, not onely for redeeming our daughter out of the depth of her distress, and in conquering him whom we ever deemed invincible, but in freeing our Countrey from the further forwardnesse of so furious a foe: which although we can never requite, yet will we be ever mindful thereof, and not onely I but the Emperour himselfe, will be alwayes ready to gratifie you in any reasonable request, and to ayde and assist you in any ensuing danger.

Noble Duke (quoth Pleudippo) my greatest and onely request is this, that it would please your Highnesse to grace me with the order of knighthood, which as yet I have not received by the hands of any. Wery willingly
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(quoth the Duke) am I to bestow the same upon one in whom are such apparant signes of ensuing honours: and whose high merit hath already made him worthy of the same. What other speeches here passed betwixt them, their kinde gratulations, their costly banquets, their professed amities, and their serious protestations of future friendship, least I should be either tedious to the Reader, or this my Historie should grow to over great a volume, I here for brevity omit.

CHAP. VI.

How Pleudippo and his Page traailing together, heard of the Combat that was to be held to cleare the Lady Albina, and how he traualled to see it.



Now Pleudippo having received that excellent order, the next morning (notwithstanding the earnest entreaties of the Duke and Dutchesse to the contrary) he left the Dukes Palace, and departed. And being come to the appointed place, he there found the By-ant Cosmodrill very dutifullly expecting his coming, shewing himselfe nothing sorowfull for his lost libertie, but rather reioycing to serve such a renowned gallant, who on the other side vled him with great kindnesse and courtesie, seeking by all meanes possible to bring him within the compasse of some civill government.

Thus with easie tourneyes traailed they along, but all they came within the Countrey of Hungaria, and one night there taking up their Inne, Pleudippo being set at supper, willed his Host to give his Page such meate as he desired. Your Page Sir (quoth he) shall: and with that he fetched a very deep sigh. Now now (quoth Pleudippo)

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dippo) both this word Page drue you into any discontent, that thus suddenly you seeme to sigh? Not the word he answered the Host, but your Pages person; yet not his neither, but his proposition putteth me in mind of another, which to remember, is more bitter vnto my soule then bitterness it selfe: and not to me onely, but it bringeth an ope of sorrow almost to all Hungaria, in that he is like to be the confusion of the rarest creature vnder the whole circuit of the heaues: and with this, he declared the whole matter concerning Dorosa, Feraro, and Albina, as is before exprest, the Dukes accusation, the Kings sentence, Dorosa and Feraroes departure, the Gyants ouer-brawings toward the Hungarian knights, discouraging euery particular point of the same: and now to morrow (quoth he) is the last day, so that this excellent Lady without any triall of her cause, is like to endure the lawes extremitie. Pleudippo vnderstanding by his tale, that this Dorosa was his brother. Good friend (quoth he) thou tellest me happy tydings, for this Dorosa must needs be the man, in search of whom I make this my troublesome traualle, whom I feared had bene long since consorted with the dead. But is it possible (quoth he) to be at the Court to see the euent of this matter? Very hardly replied the Host, except you should traualle this night, for it is more then twenty leagues. Surely (quoth Pleudippo) were I in place, the Lady should first see me conquered, before shee should lose her life for lacke of a Combittant, were it but onely in respect of that Dorosa, who it should seeme hath bene a well-willer of hers, though not further then both their honours doe allow. And can you (quoth he) but procure mee a guide, I will what I may endeavour my selfe, to be at the place before the latest houre. The Host hearing these honourable speeches, the true badgas of magnanimitie. And seeing what a deformed Gyant diligently attended vpon him, answered in this manner.

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Valiant and braue misadued knight, rather then to diuine a Princesse should die for lacke of such a one as your selfe, or you lose such erablie renowne as is to be reaped by this victory, I my selfe will be your safe conductor, not doubting but we shall be there before the execution of her perion, which if none other undertake her quarrell, shall be timely enough to try your fortune. With this he commanded one of the Slaues of the Dastrie to giue their horses prouender, and prepare them fit for their trauell.

Pleudippo hauing thanked his friendly Host for his forwardnesse hertin, called Cosmodrill, and commanded him quietly to passe through the Country to the Towne of Dording, which was the ready way toward Polonia, whether the Host certified Pleudippo, it was supposed Feraro and Dorosa were gone, and there to abide untill his comming from the Court, straightly charging him not to abuse any of that Countrey. Thus Supper being ended, Pleudippo and his Host betooke themselves to their trauell, where we will leaue them vnder Olympus darke some shade, to speake of Albina, now fully expecting her speedy death.

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How at the last houre of the day whē faire Albina should haue bin executed, Pleudippo came to the list, & was thought to bee Dorosa himselſe, and vnderooke the combat, and obtained the victory, and the Duke of Porenna was condemned to death, and before he died he confessed his false accusation. Afterward Pleudippo acknowledged himselfe to be brother to Dorosa.



The Gyant as you heard before being in the field, overbating and searing the Hungarian knights with the crabbednesse of his ill fauoured countenance: thus continued he raging and railing, according to the wonted crueltie of his crooked disposition untill the last day, against which time a scaffold was prepared at the end of the list, for the execution of the vanquished: at the one end whereof was erected a gallery for Albina, and her Ladies. all hanged ouer with blacke, in token of their great sadnesse, during this sorrowfull time: at the other end of the scaffold sat Mordeno, with many of his familiar friends, with ioy expecting the present end of the beauteous Princeſſe Albina. At one of the sides of the list sat the King and his Nobles, all cloathed in mourning attire, sorrowing at the forepassed course, wherein the Duke had so much liberty as to produce such an ugly monster for Combatant. On the other side ouer against the King were placed for the Judges of the field, an ancient knight named Brantus, being the Kings more kinsman, and with him the Count of Turraine.

Thus continued they in the field all the sad Sunshyne of this blacke dreary day, still feeding themselves with a hope

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hope that some worthy and valiant knight would undertake the Princeſſes quarrell. But now the latest houre is approached, and all further hope utterly baſht into diſpaire, no Champion all this while: once daring to adventure to purchase her redemption, which the Gyant seeing, braued out these speeches: Come yet daſtard knights of Hungaria, is there none of you so hardie that dare cracke a ſpeare in the defence of this nation? is your reſwarde ſo great that you are daunted with a ſlacke? or is her miſdemearour and fault ſo manifeſt as you diſtruſt the rightſulneſſe of her cauſe? Come, come, the time was expired, bring her to the blocke, why delay you any longer? ſay you not the deſtinies haue determined this to be the end of her dayes, and fortune hath decreed her downe.

The woſull Princeſſe hearing theſe ſpeeches, being ſurcharged with ſorrow, and her heart loaded with vultures griefes, and hauing the characters of death purtrayed in her browes, overwhelming her face with an Ocean of teares, weeping her eyes drie, and her garment waite ſate reſſing her ſelfe in theſe her extreame paſſions ready to haue yielded to the Chſt. The King likewiſe now ſeeing the lateſt moment, and all further expectation in vaine, with a ſorrowfull heart was ready to command her execution, and to depart, ſeeing delay without hope did but aggravate their ſorowes. As hee was thus ready to ſpeake, they heard a Trumpet ſound, and looking about they ſaw an armed knight almoſt at the end of the liſt, with a tall Squire before him ſounding an alarm: this put the King and all the Nobles in hope of a Champion to undertake the Combat.

This knight coming to the end of the liſt, alighted off his horſe, and taking him to his Squire, hee entered the ſame on ſoote, and paſſing ſo ward untill hee came againſt the gallery where the King ſate, after obedience done, he commanded the conditions of the field. The Judges answered that there were no other, but that if the Gyant remained vanquiſhed, both hee and the Duke immorately

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must lose their lines, and the like so; the Princeesse Albina, and her defendant.

Then Pleudippo desired to speake with the Lady, to the end he might vnderstand her minde in this action: vpon this hee was immediately conducted to the place where Albina was, and comming toward her lifting vp the beauer of his helme, and saluting her with a courtly behaviour, faire Lady quoth he, the hearing of this seuerer and cruell sentence against your person, and the shamelesse villany of this deformed Caitiue, hath made me with longing desire to see the Combat accomplished, to take vnaccustomed tournaies in my wearisome trauailes, and since Fortune hath permitted my ariuall euen at the houre of sadnesse, and now seeing the cowardlinesse of these Hungarian Knights, I can (as I am both by oath and dutie bound) but aduenture my life against this presumptuous and insolent peasant: now diuine Princeesse, not mistrusting the truth of your cause, if it please you to referre the ending of your quarrell to a yonglings sword, I will either free you from this vntimely, and as I iudge undeserued death, or comfort my selfe with you in your death.

Albina hearing the kinde speeches of this her new come Champion, and noting the phisiognomie of his face, she supposed him though not the substance, yet a perfect patterne of her beloued Dorosa, and therewith replied in this manner: Valiant and courteous Knight, my life which is now on the latest period, and my highest hope of deliuerie being now readie to come to a most shamefull and ignominious death, should I refuse your courteous aide, in this my so great extremitie, I might rightly be reputed as accessory to my owne misfortune. Therefore I doe referre my safety wholly vnto the tuition of your sword, and the tryall of my innocencie, to your good fortune and valiancie, distrustling the sequel of my cause so much the lesse, by how much you resemble that Heroicke Gentleman, the most excellent among men, that renowned Dorosa, with whom

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whom I am falsely accused to be vnchaste. Goe in the name of God, truth is on your side: and while you decide the controuersie by blowes, my virgin prayers shall not cease to penetrate the heauens for your happy successe.

These speeches vttered, Pleudippo returned againe into the Lists; and hauing his helme still open, all the people present, were almost perswaded that it was Dorosa: and Mordeno looking vpon his face, muttered out these speeches to one of his next familiars. Woe friend what hope now remaineth of the victorie, since my accursed enemy is come in person to vndertake the Combat: this I say is that accursed Dorosa, whose honour I thinke all the Diuels in hell haue conspired to make famous. The Giant being mounted vpon a mighty Barbarian Courser, looking vpon Pleudippo, come proud Gallant (quoth he) art thou hee that wilt lose thy life in the defence of this wanton, and here finish the last date of thy dayes vnder my conquering hand: you fond soule, this day will I giue thy flesh to the wormes of the earth, for thy presuming folly: and hers to the fowles of the ayre, for the filthinesse of her fact.

Pleudippo hearing these redarguous toarimes, an ocean of angry blood spreading it selfe in his face, thou Monster (quoth he) of mankind, and enemy to honour, thou soule carcasie filled with furie: what thinkest thou to beare it away with thy vaunting brauerie? I toll this insolent, deformed,aine-glorious, and shamelesse villaine, I am none of them that are dashed with thy diuellish speeches, or scared with feare of thy soule mishapen lineaments. But fellow to that Dorosa (who is by the Duke falsely accused, and his quarrell by thee contrary to right, traiterously maintained) though not his equall, yet a siene of the same stocke, his brother by birth, and one though not so strong, yet euery way as resolute. A light then thou euer baring rakehell, for I rather desire to caruall thee on foote, then to combat with thee on horseback; yet not that I dread thy valour, but that my Halberd is already weary with his soze trauaile.

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Excellent bragart (quoth the Gyant) what thinkest thou to daunt my courage by the claiming kindred of Dorosa, or to make thy party good on foot, when thy heart trembleth to behold me on horseback: and with this he alighted. Come (quoth he) thou proud and saucie Princes, and though thou canst not rule thy tongue, yet well shalt thou see that I can bryde thy manhood. With this the Herault having sounded his Trumpet, commaunded the Champions to doe their deuoir. The Giant was armed all in brasse, and casting away his speare, betooke himselfe to a huge Dollar, the iron worke thereof weighed nere fifty pound; he was of stature not fully equall with the Gyant Cosmodrill. Pleudippo having his Launce in his hand, and his good sword fast girt to his harnesse, with his shield vpon his arme, entred the Combat: at the first encounter, the Gyant scoorning to make long warre, struck with such vigour at Pleudippo, as he purposed with his first stroke to haue finished the fight. Pleudippo on the other side being filled with valour, and therewithall willing to shew his great strength, did beare the same vpon his shield, which was of such soft mettall, as he cut into the same more then a fote, which caused him that he could not very speedily recover his weapon: and Pleudippo carefully taking the advantage of the fight, gaue him such a gird with his Launce, vnder the skirts of his armour, that the faueling end was sente behind at his backe, and his corrupt blood all stayned the earth with a purple goare: this stroke reuiued the spirits of the King and Nobles, all knowing that if the Combat should continue long, this effusion of blood must needs make the Gyant faint and feeble: this wound also made the Gyant more warie, and to couet what he might to cut Pleudippoes Launce; and offering a blow, Pleudippo thinking to ward it as he did the other: the Gyant falsifying the same, cut Pleudippoes Launce quite asunder in the middes, that he was therewithall forced to take him to his sword: now begun the fight to be very furious on both sides,

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Now, hard to iudge to whom this victorie would decline: the Gyant laying on such loades with his ponderous weapon, as he had almost hacked Pleudippoes shield in peces: he againe receiuing his strokes, gaue him such blowes with his sword by often entring within him, that all his armour was almost hewed in peces. Now the Gyant perceiuing Pleudippoes shield so mangled, purposed with one blow to leaue him without his ward: but Pleudippo waite of the same, stepping aside, that his Dollar entred into the earth more then a fote, and therewith entring vpon him, stracke him in such sort vpon his knee, where the ioints of his armour met as he parted his legge from his body, and the Gyant therewith fell to the earth. With this there was such a shout and hurling vp of Caps, as Pleudippo well perceiued what content this caused in the hearts of all the people present: but the Gyant being now vpon the earth, he quickly setting his foot vpon his breast, severed his head from his shoulders, leauing his cursed bodie weltring in his owne blood: and going forwarde to the Iudges, he demaunded that the conditions of the Combat might be performed.

With this the King came downe from his seate, and embracing him in his armes, Valiant Knight (quoth he) whose haughtie prouesse hath not onely freed my daughter from the implacable furie of untimely Death, but her sorrowfull mother almost dead with the extremitie of grieffe, and plunged in the deepest ocean of perplexities, thou hast caused Phoenix like to liue anew, and to regrete againe the wanted pleasure of her former content. Well mayest thou be the brother of that couragious Dorosa, like in person, and not unlike in valour, and both of you the maine Piramides of Hungariaes good. And with what kindnesse we accept the same, please it you to abide in our Court, you shall well perceiue, and may I but once see him againe, hee shall fully vnderstand what a volume of sorrow this leuere sentence hath produced to my soule.

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With this was the Duke of Poronna committed to the executioner, where seeing nothing before his eyes but present death, being now plunged in the profunditie of calamitie, confessed the whole truth of his former treacherie; which he had no sooner done, but his head was taken from his shoulders.

Now the day having exchanged his vesture, and Cynthia with her borrowed light, the only grace of the heavens: (the King having likewise embraced his daughter, and with his teares of joy bedewed her Swanne-white cheekes, lamenting that he was so credulous, as upon the Dukes surmised accusation, to give so sharpe a censure, and she againe upon her knees humbly entreating, that all these former occasions of sad and tedious lament, might of all parts be buried in oblivion.) Then they went all together unto the Court, generally applauding this happy vicissitude, the King leading Pleudippo in the one hand, and Albina in the other, where the Queene before with extreame towe lay languishing upon her bed, bolleing forth her sighes unto the heavens, now with the unexpected newes of the Giants overthrow, Albinaes innocencie, the Dukes confession, she was so ravisht in spirit with a sudden extasie of joy, that forgetting her former sickness, left her bed and came and met them in the Castle-yard: what kinde gratulations, louing embraces, and surpassing joy there was then among them, let them iudge which in their deepest distresse haue had such sodaine recites of unexpected comfort. But here the time passeth away, suppose they haue satisfied themselves with their Princely dainties, glatted their eares with sweet contenting musicke, and passed the night in siluer sleepes and quiet refreshing slumbers.

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How King *Androgio* made *Pleudippo* Duke of Poronna, and gaue him all his lands, and offices, and Castles, and yet he desired to trauaile to finde his brother *Dorosa*, and how the King writ to *Dorosa* by him, and of the tokens *Albina* sent to *Dorosa*, and how *Pleudippo* rescued *Dorosa*, *Feraro*, and *Corrillus*, from the Tartarians.



Now sooner did Aurora spread her selfe in the East, but the King arising from his Royall couch, created *Pleudippo* Duke of Poronna, and freely imposed upon him all those possessions which before belonged unto *Mordeno*, and now fallen into the Kings hands by his late coudition. Which *Pleudippo* did willingly receive as *Quis nisi mentis inops, oblatum respuat aurum*; yet did he answer the King, how he would not any whit delay his trauaile, untill he had found *Dorosa*: wherewith the King seemed no way discontent, hoping by his meanes, his sonne *Feraro* would the sooner returne, whose presence hee now greatly desired. This done, *Albina* hearing the cause of *Pleudippo*es bowed trauaile, comming vnto him: This knight (quoth she) seeing you are thus minded to perseuer in your trauaile, although we especially wished your company in my Fathers Court: yet seeing the same is chiefly in quest of your Princely brother, vnto whom we are equally indebted as to your selfe, wee cannot desire to withhold you from any such vertuous endeavour: therefore with my hearty commendations vnto his person, I most earnestly entreate you, that if luckely you arrive in his company, you deliuer him from me this King and handkerchiefe. In the King was engrauen,

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One heart and minde in weale and woe,
Loue lasts with life, despite of foe.

In the Handkerchiefe, with letters of gold, was embrodered these verses:

From feare of death and depth of discontent:
From waues of wo, combin'd with languishment:
From dire misfame, and iealous fond suspect,
Freed in despite of Enuies foule object
I rest, yet resting thus with griefe I die,
Wanting the Wight, my soules whole treasury.

Pleudippo with a courteous behauiour receiuing the same, and diligently noting the rare beautie and modest demeanour of the Princesse, inwardly bowed, she was the most exquisite creature that euer was produced by Nature, and the onely Paragon of all pure affections. This and much other that being ended, and Pleudippo renewing all things necessary for his traualle: taking his adieu of the Quene and Albina, and the rest of the Court, he departed, the King himselfe in person, with diuers of his Nobles accompanying him full foure miles, where after many thanks and Courtly embracings, the King deliuering him this Letter, with sundry other things in charge to Dorosa and his sonne, returned to the Court, leaving Pleudippo to the good successe of his bowed traualles.

To the magnanimous and most worthy Dorosa, Prince of Aragon, health and happinesse.

Dorosa, if our entertainment were not answerable to the dignity of your birth, blame ignorance: if I haue punished without cause, I will say peccauit; and the confessing of my fault shall be some part of amends: if my seuerer sentence passed the bonds of Princely piety, let it suffice

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suffice that the sorrow of my soule for the same hath bene equall with the sharpenesse of my seuerer indgement, vpon that periured Califfes cursed accusation. And to conclude, if there be that affection which you ascribe, grounded vpon honour and honestie, I will not any further crosse your contents with crueltie: but let Albina with her Turkish Dowrie bee thine for euer. Thus wishing your returne to our Court with our heartie commendations: farewell.

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Now Pleudippo being mounted vpon the hyane Barbarian Palfrey, which belonged to the late conquered Spant, made such expedition, that as Phcebus was declined to the West, he was arrived at the Towne of Dording, where he found Cosmodrill his Page diligently expecting his coming, shewing great content, and apparent signes of inward ioy at his so happy returne, there againe refreshing himselfe, and providing horse and armour for the Spant: the next morning, being now both of them well mounted, they with good pace passed along toward the Countrey of Poland: within the borders whereof, within short time they arrived, where they were no sooner entred, but they espied thre Knights journeying along before them: who euen on a sodaine were set vpon with a whole troupe of armed Souldiers, thre of them being on horse, and all the rest on foote: now at the very first encounter, they turned those thre topsie turvie euer the horse sayle, but the whole crew so inuironed them about, that they were forced liuely to leape from off their horses: and betaking them to their swords, backing each other, with such vndauntable valour they defended themselves, as they slew very many of that vnruly multitude, especially one of them, who almost euery stroke sent one or other of his assailants, to consort with Pluto in the fiery Pylegethon.

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Phlegethon. These knights beloued, were Dorosa, Feraro, and Pleudippo, who, as you heard before, staying for the recovery of Feraro, were here ouertaken of Pleudippo in this perillous bickering. Pleudippo regarding the great valour of these knights, thinking to yeld them speedy aid, spurred his Palfrey, who feeling the prick, hastning his steppes moze swiftly then the winged winde, such in a thought hee was among them: where entring with his sword dyotone, hee laid on such fatall blowes, that whom soeuer he hit, his strongest armour could not saue his life, so that in a moment of time, he had sent seuen of those discourteous Atheists, to pay their fraight to that sturdie Ferry-man of Stix. Dorosa seeing this new come knight scornning that his former praises should be eclipsed by the desert of any, redoubled his blowes with such vigoz, that wheresoeuer his sword lighted, neither armour nor flesh could repell the force therof. Feraro and Corrilus, although they were both sore wounded, likewise behaued themselves very honorably in this horrible conflict, so that by this time moze then threescore Tartarians had lost their liues legens in the Polonian dust: and the Gyant Cosmodrill hasting after Pleudippo, was now entred among them, beating downe with his huge Mace whoeuer resisted his puissance. The Tartarians seeing the great fortitude of this furious Cosmodrill, and the vnmatchable balliance of the other knights, and perceiuing moze then halfe of their company to be slaughtered, turned their backs and fled. The knights not desirous to commit any outragious massacre, suffered them quietly to depart.

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CHAP. IX.

After the conflict ended and their enemies vanquished, Dorosa giues Pleudippo vnkowne many thanks, Dorosa craueth to know his name, vpon which they come to know one another, he deliuereth the tokens sent by him from Androgio, the Queene, and Albina, and what hapned further in their trauailes.



Dorosa seeing that they were now free from their enemies, comming to Pleudippo he began in this manner: *Worthie knight (quoth he) seeing you in our deepest distresse haue by your courage ransomed our liues, in that no doubt without your timely ayde, if not all, yet some of vs had bene consozted with the dead: that wee may the better knowe unto whose desert we are thus deeply indebted, the better hereafter to requite your kindnesse, let me craue your name, and of what Country you are.*

Sir, quoth Pleudippo, should I denie such a courteous request, to him that is the onely flower of Chiuallrie and prowesse, and with whom I desire further familiarity and friendship, you might rather repete me foolish, then accept of my fellowship, and moze worthily condemne mee of discourtesie, then commend me for my kindnesse. Know then worthy Sir, my name (which as yet I neuer denied either for feare of falsehood) is called Pleudippo. Dorosa hearing him recite his name, breathed out a sarme fetched sigh: with this Pleudippo breaking off his tale, Sir, quoth he, by the way, let mee request to know the cause which maketh you thus to sigh: nothing quoth Dorosa, but a brother of mine of that name, which long since was made away by Treason. Sir (quoth Pleudippo) though herein

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I may rightly seeme more bold then wife, vpon a sodaine conceit which is euen now entred into my head, let me be so much fauoured by you as to see your face. Dorosa willing to satisfie him in this request, presently lifted vp the heuer of his hearme. Pleudippo looking earnestly vpon his face, immediately supposed he saw his euene image, as in a glasse, and being now fully perswaded of that whereof before he stood in doubt, taking him in his armes, he kiste Dorosa (quoth hee) thy brother Pleudippo, for whom thou sighest: one that is more ioyfull of thy presence, then euer thou wert pensieue for the losse of his person: how happie was I to trauaile this way, wherein I haue found him after whom, and in search of whom I would haue compassed the Globe of the earth: and no lesse happy was I in coming to thee at his dangerous and vnaccustomed time: and with that he lifted vp his helme.

Dorosa, who all this while stood amazed at this vneypected god newes, now seeing his face, and by his former speeches being assured it was hee, embracing him in his armes he was so ouer-joyed that he held him fast, not being able to utter one word.

Feraro and Correllus seeing this dumbe shew, approached to them to see what iussaine ioy had thus surprised their senses. No sooner were they come, but Dorosa taking Correllus by the hand, see Correllus quoth he, who in this skilfull is luckily arriued to our comfort. Correllus gazing vpon his face, is not this (quoth he) the noble Pleudippo your lost brother? hee is the same replied Dorosa: Oh blessed fortune (quoth Correllus) that after such long saue of discontent hath kindly conducted mee into their company, whose losse hath bene the onely cause of my extreame care. Then againe Dorosa declaring to Pleudippo who Correllus was, they in like manner with all kindnesse embraced each other, and Feraro vnderstanding this knight to be Dorosaes brother, and not second to him in promise and magnanimitie, being glad of the societie
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of such loue-borne Partialities, with like content applauded their fortunate meeting.

Now to continue their no meane ioyes, Pleudippo taking forth the King Androgio his Letter, and Albinaes King and Hardkerchiefe, deliuered the same to Dorosa, and therewithall not forgetting the Kings, Quenes, and Albinaes commendations to Feraro, he afterward declared all the accidents of Hungaria, the manner of the Combat, the extreame hazard of the Princeesse, his conquest of the Syant, Mordenos execution, and confession, the exalting ioy of the King and Quene, with the generall plaudities of all the Nobles: and lastly, how the King of his free bounty had created him Duke of Bozenna, leaving no point of all those matters vnhearede. Now beloued, in what manner these Princes had their soules surprised with sweet content, it is impossible for the most eloquent tongue to utter, much more for my rude, and more then halfe wearied penne, in any reasonable order to expresse: but these vnaccustomed ioyes being thus in the full, they all hauing dressed their wounds, passed forward on their journey, which with large discourses of their former fortunes, they so delightfully waied, that within short time they were quietly come to the Towne of Melcar, which was within foure leagues of the Citie of Catay, where both the Kings Court and Campe lay: whither these warlike Princes and Syant being come, vnderstanding this Towne to be alreadie in subiection of their enemies, and kept onely by a band of Muscouians, they determined to enter iobainly in at the gates, and set vpon them, and if they preuailed in this conflict, to keepe themselves there close, untill such time as the maine Armies were ioined together: or at least heard further newes out of the Citie. In this determination, Dorosa and Pleudippo hastning before Feraro, Correllus, and Cosmodrill, came to the gate which they found open, yet garded by a Watch of foure Muscouians, Dorosa demaunded of the Watch-men, if
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they two being Knights errant, might haue quiet lodging within the Towne: yes (quoth the Watch-men) so be it you will take your oathes to ayd and assist the graund Muscouian, and the mighty Doroko of Tartaria, in their warres against the Polonian King. Maiores (quoth Pleudippo) tush, there is nothing can please be better: and with this, spurring his Palfrey, he sprung in at the gate, and with his Launce thrust him that made this answer in such sort through the body, that he fell dead to the earth: and Dorosa entring after him, struck another in the same sort: which the rest seeing, came all eight upon them, but little preuailed their weapons, for at five strokes five of them lay weltering in their owne blood, and the other three seeing their fellows haue such sound payment, fled forth into the Towne, and one being upon the wall, seeing this sodaine slaughter, sounded a Drum. Now by this time was Feraro, Corillus, and Cosmodrill come within the Towne. And the Muscouians hearing this sodaine Alarm, with all their troupe passed toward the gate. Cosmodrill seeing them not aboue two hundred, and therefore it shall befoze him in the street; alighted from his wearied horse, and taking his iron Gate in his hand, Worthy Princes (quoth hee) stand backe a while, and breathe, and see how many Cosmodrill can slea his weapon among the ranks of his enemies. With this stepping forward he entertained the Muscouians in such sort, as hee sonetime beat downe two, sometime three, and sometime five or sixe at a stroke, and alwayes so many as came within his reach. The Princes beholding this great force of the Gyant, they all admired at his puissance, and Pleudippo protested, if Fortune had not fauoured him in his attempt, hee might well haue combated with him, but neuer conquered him. Some were the Muscouians more then halfe slaine, and the other despairing of victorie, turned their backs and fled: which Dorosa seeing, spurring his Palfrey, in the turning of a hand hee was

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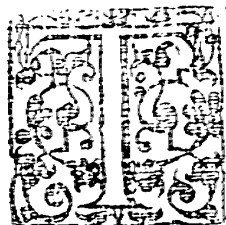
was got befoze them to the other gate, where keeping the same, he encountered them so rudely: and Pleudippo, Feraro and Corillus, followed after them so eagerly, that within lesse then a quarter of an houre, there was none left that could complaine of his payment.

Thus hauing dispatched their enemies, they searched about in the houses, to see if any more of them were lurking in their denres. Thus searching about, at length they found one which had a hurt in his legge, by reason whereof hee could not come into this skirmish with the other. This fellow seeing them enter, falling upon his knees, humbly entreated them to saue his life. Fellow (quoth Feraro) declare vnto vs at large all the euents that hath already happened in these warres, and in what state both the Polonians and enemies now remaine, with what forces they haue on either side, and thou shalt not only saue thy life, but if thou proue faithful, shalt no way reape any further damage. Worthy conquerours (quoth he) in these warres already past, there haue bene fought two maine battailes, besides many other skirmishes: in both which the Polonians haue had the foile, and with great losse haue bene forced to retire within their walles: the strength of the mighty Doroko is full fifty thousand, among which are seven in all fierce and cruell Gyants: and the graund Duke Armie is full fourescore thousand strong: the Polonians, as it is supposed, are not aboue forty thousand, and they very sore wearied, and many of them already hurt: but now this other day is the Marquesse of Armo, with twentie thousand Dragonians aduied to their ayde, and this is their whole strength. Now upon Thursday next, they haue appointed the third field, in which if the Polonians lose the victorie, it is not possible for them any longer to resist our forces. The Princes hearing this, purposed to refresh themselves within this Towne, untill both Armies were ioyned, and then sodainly to set upon their enemies.

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CHAP. X.

Of the great battaile betweene the Tartarians and Polesians, and how by the meanes of *Dorosa*, *Pleudippo*, *Feraro*, *Corrillus* and *Cosmodrill*, the Polonians obtained the victory, and of the great slaughter of the Tartarians.



Thus they continued untill the day assigned for the fight; which was no sooner come, but these knights managing their Arundell-like Couriers, they take their way toward the Citie of Cattay: and being come within two miles, they well perceived by the Alarm of Drum and Trumpet, that the Commanders had already joined their forces: thus hasting forward with their winde winged Steeds, they immediately espied how the Armies were met, and joyned in battaile in two places: the Tartarians and Aragonians encountring each other, and the Polesians and Polonians in sharpe and cruel bickering. The Princes seeing this were in doubt which way to take: but *Dorosa* remembering the old proverbe, *Non sapit qui non sibi sapit*, thought it best for him to aid his own Country men and Subjects. And with this they all rushed upon their enemies, keeping themselves close to succour each other, in all ensuing dangers, overthrowing and beating downe horse and men to the ground, whosoever came in their way, sending whole Miriads of those barbarous Tartarians, to accompany Pluto in his infernall Region, and eternizing their names through the haughtinesse of their valours: now begunne the battaile to be fierce and cruell, every one striving to excell the other by their resolute endeavours: on the other side the Tartarian

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rian Gyants being placed in the forefront of the battaile, brought great damage to the Aragonians, bunning their courages in such sort with their mighty strokes, that they were nothing so wary to encounter their assailants, which *Pleudippo* seeing, willing *Cosmodrill* to attend by on him, they two leaving *Dorosa*, *Feraro* and *Corrillus*, fetching their circumstance, entered among the Aragonians: and *Pleudippo* seeing one of the Tartarian Gyants which made great slaughter, he set his speare to his rest, and with an high voice crying, out *Aragonia*, *Aragonia*, he encountred this Gyant with such puissance, that at the first stroke he fell head to the earth. *Cosmodrill* following his Lord at a pinch, laide on such heauey loads, that the Tartarians were glad on all sides to free his passage: this stirred up such courage among the Aragonians, that they pressed on so fast upon their enemies, that they not able to sustaine their strokes, were forced to give ground. And *Dorosa* kept such haucke among them on the other side, making such a lane among their routes, that *Pleudippo* and hee were almost met together in the middes of the field: where being encountred with one of the Gyants, which guarded the mighty *Dorokoes* person, at the third stroke hee sealed him such a passport, that his soule might quietly have his passage to the *Dinell* without any contradiction; and going forward, joyned with *Dorokoe* himselfe, whom hee had there slaine, had he not bene presently ayded by two other Gyants, and great rankes of other knights and souldiours, which pressed upon him with great violence. *Feraro* very valiantly set upon one of these Gyants, whom after a long and cruell bickering he in the end slew. By this time was the Gyant *Cosmodrill* got through his enemies, unto the place where *Dorosa* was thus fighting: and seeing one of the Gyants make a blow at him, before the same was lighted, stricke him in such sort, that both his helme and head were battered in peeces: yea, *Dorosa*, *Pleudippo*, *Feraro*, *Cosmodrill* and

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and Corrilus, this day so proued their valours vpon the carcases of their enemies, that all the earth was mantled with a scarlet dye, and one could scarce moue his foete, but he was ready to treade vpon the slaughtered body of one or other. Thus remained the battaile with such crueltie all this day, that of the Tartarians were slaine, foure Gyants, and full thirtie thousand knights and souldiours: and of the Aragonians were slaine one, ly thre thousand. Now the Sunne declining fast toward the Antipides, shrouding himselfe with his wearied horses in the West, the Tartarians feeling themselves not able any longer to endure the force of this fight, turned their backs and fled, recouering them selues within the Muscouian ranches: but by this time Olympus shadowed with the night's blacke curtaine, enforced these warriors to leaue their wearied weapons, and with-holde their hands from committing any further massacre. The King of Poland this day was sore dismayed, hauing slaine in his host full tennethousand: but knowing once the discomforture of the Tartarians, hee reputed his losse the lesse, in that of his enemies were slaine full foure for one, beside foure of the Gyants had this day ended their liues. Now the enemies being retired to their Campe, the Tartarians protested among themselves, that these strange knights were Diuels, or some infernall furies, which in the likenesse of men contended with them this day for the Palme of victorie. Now the Polonians and Aragonians being entred into the Citie, and among them these unknowne Partialists, who being entred, took vpon their lodging at an Inne, determining not to goe to the Court without the Kings requesting. Now no sooner was the Polonian King and Aragonian Generall met at the Palace, but the Marquesse immediately declared the high prowesse and magnanimitie of the strange knights, and how with them entred a most huge and terrible Gyant, afflicting them (as the truth was) to be the chiefe cause

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of their so fortunate successe, greatly admiring what they should be, in that they rather succoured the Aragonians, then the Polonians.

CHAP. XI.

How the King after the battaile was ended sendeth for the fine strangers, and how the next day they came to the Court, & of their kind entertainment: how Pleudippo fell in loue with Lucibella, & Feraro with Flermia, and how the Marquesse of Rino knew Corrilus.



When the king had heard these speeches, (being very loath that such honourable and worthy Champions should for want of a kind entertainment abandon his Country, especially in this time of his so great necessities (commanded sundry of his most worthy knights, diligently to search them out wheresoever they were lodged, and courteously in his name to intreat them to come to the Court. These knights when they had a while enquired, at length finding them out, after kinde saluting them, according to their charge earnestly requested them to goe with them to the Court. The Princes by reason of their wearinesse and wounds which were not yet dressed, desired the messengers in their behalfe humbly to craue his Graces pardon for that night, faithfully promising the next day to attend vpon his person, as his most dutifull seruants, and as such as had vowed their liues in the defence of his estate and person.

The knights being returned to the King, declared at large the whole effect of their charge: and quoth one of them, these are almost equall of an age, the eldest of them being not aboue foure and twenty yeeres of age, being also

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as beautifull and well accomplisht Gentlemen as euer I beheld. And surely quoth another of them, there is tise of them so like as they must needs be brethren, and in my opinion both of them in fauour so much resemble the excellent and beauteous Lady Flermia, as they must needs be either of her kin, or else appointed specially by fauour & patronage to help her whom they so much resembled, and to the youngest of these two is the great Giant a dutifull & obedient seruant. These speeches bred great admiration in the King and all his Nobles, and great longing in Flermia and Lucibella to haue a sight of these unconquerable gallants. After this they all seated themselves to supper, & after ward spending some time in talke, every one departed to bed.

Now the next day being come, these Princes being minded of their euening promise, attiring themselves in the best manner they could, taking their swords onely with them, they passed through the Citie along toward the Court: Dorosa and Feraro going before, and Pleudippo and Corillus after, and behind Pleudippo followed the Giant Cosmodill bearing his shield. Thus in seemely equipage marched they through the Citie toward the Kings Palace, where being once come with in the great Court-yard, they presently met Lucibella and Flermia, attended on by a brace companie of Courtly Ladies. Pleudippo fixing his eyes vpon Lucibella, was diuised into a maze at the excellent feature of her person, and Feraro looking vpon Flermia, was almost raniſhed with the splendour of her surpassing beauty. The Ladies not being yet right against them, perceiving how earnestly they gazed on their beauties, covered their Snow-white faces with such a vermillian dye, as Aurora gracing the orient with her silver brightnesse, seemed not halfe so glorious. The Princes coming against them, with a courteous demeanour toward them passed along, and being once past the Ladies desirous to haue some further knowledge of these aduenturous gallants, returned backe to heare and

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vnderstand their conference with the King and Nobles.

The King hauing intelligence of their coming, arose forthwith from his royall seat, and came to meete them in the Hall, where hauing entertained them with Courtly imbracings, the Marquesse of Rino looking vpon Dorosa and Pleudippo, he supposed he saw the lively image of the deceased Fragosa: as he was in this dilemma, he cast his eyes vpon Corillus, whom he perfectly knew: then coming to him, with friendly amittie, he imbracing him in his armes, greatly reioycing at their so happie meeting, began thus. Dear friend, I pray you from whence are these worthy Knights your companions, in whom appeareth the very fauour of our lost Princes, and a true may of that magnanimitie which was in olde Fragosa. Truly quoth Corillus they are not the likenesse, but the very substance, and rightly may we say, Qualis Pater, talis filius: for they doe not onely resemble him in prowess and valour, but in all other perfections of Nature. And with this he declared vnto him all the manner of their meetings.

CHAP. XII.

How after more talking the Marquesse of Rino would haue crowned Dorosa King of Aragon in Polonia, which he denied, of the meeting of faire Flermia and her brethren, & the ioy was made: how the Muscouian Duke gathered a new supply, & sent defiance to the Polonian King, who pointed a day for another battell.



He Marquesse by his owne iudgement approuing these speeches for trueth, ran with extreame content at this happy event, with apparant signes of ioy came to Dorosa, and as to his Lord and Soueraigne, humbling himselfe vpon

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his kin. Worthie Prince (quoth he) whose losse hath bene almost the ruine of all Hungaria, and the onely discontent that hath disturbed our quiet, whom seeing it hath pleased the Destinies to preserve, I will not onely resigne my title of graund Generall, into your Highnesse hands, but here immediately set the Diadem vpon your head, and proclaim you King. Dorosa receiuing him in his armes, Good friend (quoth he) as for the Crowne of Aragon, seeing it is allotted me by Fate, I will not any wayes refuse, bowing to you by the faith of a Prince, that Donvallo was neuer so cruel, but Dorosa wil euer shew himselfe as kind. The King by these speeches fully vnderstanding what they were, came againe, and with excedding content receiued him in his armes, and while the King was thus embracing Dorosa, Pleudippo and the Marquesse greeted each other, with such an extasse of ioy, that they were not able to speake.

Now these tydings being carried vnto the Quene, she surpassing them all in content, issued forth of her Chamber, and comming to her Nephewes, with the teares of ioy filling from her eyes, embraced them severally in her armes, bestowing many of her friendly kisses vpon their Princely cheekes. This done, Flermia in the depth of her soules content, with a most kinde and Courteous behauiour, came and saluted her brethren. And Lucibella equalling the rest in ioy for their so happy actiuall, and hauing her inward soule already inuigled vpon the perfedions of Pleudippo, approached toward him, and hee hauing his senses almost benumbed with beholding this Sunne-bright Paragon, receiued her in his armes with an encounter of high delicacie, their armes locking together their lips, and from their lips, interchangeably breathing their soules into each others bosome. But now while these persons were yet luld in their new augmenting delight: word was brought vnto the King that the Polonian Duke had a new supply of twentie thousand

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Souldiours approaching nigh, to ioyne to his former forces. And while the Poind was yet speaking, a Herauld entred the Hall, which the King seeing, he with the Princes and all the rest of the Nobles, seated themselves to heare the effect of this unexpected message. They being set, the Herauld with a serene countenance vttered these speeches. King of Poland, the graund Duke, and mighty Doroko, sendeth thee this word, that thou immediately send them those Ladies for whom they maintaine these warres, or else within thre dayes to ioyne with them againe in battaile: both which if thou deny, they solemnly protest to send for such innumerable multitudes of new supplies, that all the ground in Polonia shall be but sufficient to containe their troups. Now (quoth he) let me heare thine answer, that I may certifie them that sent me, of thy intent. The King hauing well regarded his speeches, being encouraged by the ayde of his new come kinsemen, replyed in this manner: Then know that for the first I absolutely deny: but as for the second, although we dread not their daunting & proud threats, yet in that we will not giue them liberty to helurking in our Countrey to annoy our subiects, let them prouide them one day sooner: sure (quoth the Herauld) the sooner the better, why then (quoth the King) let them expect vs in the field within these two daies at the furthest.

CHAP. XIII.

How the King of Poland caused Dorosa to be crowned King of Aragon: how Feraro made his loue knowne to Dorosa, and hee to his sister Flermia, and found her very willing: how messengers were dispatcht the next morning, as well to treat of the marriage of Dorosa with Albina, as Feraro with Flermia: how Lucibella fell extreemely in loue with Pleudippo, and hee with her.

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Now these speeches past, the Sun now hasting toward the Meridian line, the King, Princes and Nobles all seated themselves to dinner: which being ended, Dorosa was by sound of Trumpet proclaimed King of Aragon, receiving homage of the Barons and all the Aragonian Nobles there present. This finished, Ferrero feeling the heate of his conceived amours, to augment, continuing to Dorosa, and taking him by the hand, he fell into these tearmes. Most the King, and my most louing companion, and faithful friend: what the effectuall cause of my coming hither hath bene, I need not any further declare, in that the same is sufficiently knowne vnto your person, and seeing the Lady is one whom you may not easily by brotherly amity admonish, but also by regall authority command, let me (of all former friendship) entreate you first to giue her knowledge of my intent, and after to procure the means that I may freely impart my minde vnto her person. Dorosa seeing Ferrero thus impatient of delay, went immediately to his sister, whom after much perswasion, and some private conference betwene themselves, he found so forward, that they concluded the next morning to send Corillus, and with him two other Nobles of Aragonia in Ambassage, as well to treat of the loues of Dorosa and Albina, as to parley of the marriage betwene Ferrero and Flermia: and with this immediately gaue them their charge, to be gone the next morning with all expedition. Thus this day passing away, the Lady Lucibella hauing already the Characters of loue stamped in her heart, shee leaving the company, went into her Chamber, where being not able to euaporate the clouds which darkened her spirit, casting her selfe vpon her bed, she fell into these tearmes.

Lucibella, what vnaccustomed tortures doe thus torment
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ment thy soule? what vulture gnawing thoughts molest thy minde? or what vnsupportable passions alienate thy senses from their former content: Fond French, gazing against the starre of thy mishap, thou art fallen into a labyrinth of perplexitie, and art there like to perishe in the depth of thy mispaine. Alas Lucibella, as the strong person Antimonium being but chased in the hand, pierceth at length to the heart, or the hearbe Arras, being holden betwixt the fingers, causeth forth with a heat throughout all the body: so thy loue being but entertained at the eye, doth suddenly and secretly diue downe into thy breast, and so with an Ocean of passions disturbeth all thy senses. Oh deceitfull Fortune, Mutabilior Proteo, standing vpon the Weathercocke of Time, constant in nothing but inconstancie: was it not sufficient that I was already terrified with the terrour of warres, disturbed with the tumultuous iarres of these cursed enemies, and disquieted with the continuall destruction, and great slaughter of my Countrymen and friends, but thou must yet inflict a new punishment worse then they all: Unhappy Lucibella, why are the Destinies so vnequal allotters of mishap, as to appoint thy youth (which to others is an Autumne of ioy) to this tempestuous Winter of extreme sorrow? Well, let this suffice, that thou art one whom Fortune hath set on the variable points of her Compass, and art only bozne vnto all mishap, like to proue to thy father and to Cattay, as Paris did to Priam and that vnforsunate Cille, and with the Carthagenian Quene like to ruinate thy life through the vnspokeable passions of Loues martyrdome. With this taking by her Lute, she warbled out this Sonnet.

Deepe discontent deprives my ioy,
Sad soule, sick thoughts, augment annoy,
Endlesse Despaire, is Nurse of cares,
And woes impale my heart with feares,
Languishing still with sighes and teares.

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Amids this Chaos of my harmes,
Cupid comes in with Loues alarmes :
 In sorrowes scene to act his part,
 He blindly shoots his poysoned dart,
 Piercing therewith my pensive hart.

Thou sea-borne Queene command thy sonne
 For to release my martyrdome,
 And I will sacrifice to thee
 Incense and Turtle Doues with glee,
 With branch of sweetest mirtle Tree.

Cupid thou Eluish petty God,
 Redresse my fences thus at odde,
 And I will offer at thy Shrine
 Faire spotted Kids, and milke-white Kine,
 With haire more soft then silken twine.

If in this suite I nought preuaile,
 Let equall passions him assaile,
 That fettered fast in Fancies chaine.
 We may assuage each others paine,
 And both our hearts in one remaine.

This Madrigall being ended, Lucibella (intending though she could not satisfie her selfe with present hope of the fruition of Pleudippo's person, yet to glut her eyes with gazing vpon the excellencie of his supernaturall perfections) came forth of her Chamber to consume the rest of the euening in conference with these renowned Princes, and in some sweete party with Flormia and the rest of her Ladies.

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How Pleudippo being in an extasie of loue, hee and his seruant Cosmodrill went priuaty into the Tartarians Camp, and there slew many; and how by his meanes the Muscouians and Tartarians fell together by the eares, and slaughtered one another: after ward hee returned to the Court wounded, also how Lucibella and he continued their loue and were betrothed, and vpon the coming thither of the King of Hungaria, the Princes Dorosa and Albina, and Feraro and Flormia, and Pleudippo and Lucibella were all married on a day, and of other things that endeth the Storie.



NOW the Sunne being descended toward the Westerne world, denying any longer light, with his transplendant rayes to their Orientall clime; euery one taking their congie of each other, they all departed into their seuerall Chambers: where Pleudippo being entred, feeling his heart drawne by the attractive vertue of Lucibellaes eyes: and hauing her pourtraiture more liuely engrauen in his minde, then any forme may be insculped vpon mettall or marble, being thus in his affectionate conceites, he seated himselfe vpon his bed: thus sitting a good while, forming his heart with thoughts, and his thoughts with loue, still meditating vpon his diuine Distresse: at length he fully determined to act something worthie of her fauour and fathers consent, or else to cut the vnsall thred of his life. In this determination calling Cosmodrill his Page, arming themselves, they two secretly in the silent of the night passed along the streets: untill they came to a gate which Pleudippo had espied before: and opening

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opening the same, they went quietly along, untill they came to the *Muscovians* Campe, where they found the *Watches* a sleep upon the earth. Thus with a quiet pace passed they along, untill they came at the graine *Dukes Tent*, the entrance whereof they found guarded with sennemen and a *Gyant*, the *Gyant* fell a sleep, and all the other waking, they comming upon them in such furious manner, that at two blowes the cruell *Cosmodrill* taught fire of them such a bloudie *Defante*, that they never after needed any weapons for the defence of their lives. The *Gyant* hearing this fire, as he was rousing himselfe, *Pleudippo* stricke him in such sort, that he parted both his helme and head by an equall division. And while *Cosmodrill* guarded the entrance, hee going forth into the *Tent*, found the graine *Duke* with three of his chiefe *Warres*, being amazed at this sodaine noise, arising out of their beds, then did *Pleudippo* as ever they could recover their weapons, send to *Charon* to provide passage for the whole multitude. By this time was there such a shouting of the mightie *Souldiers*, that all the *Armie* betooke themselves to their weapons. And being amazed at this sodaine Alarm, they all pressed forward the *Dukes Tent* upon *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill*, who with such valour defended themselves, that they which came within their reach, had never after any neede of the *Chirurgion*: and the out-ranks not knowing the cause of these out-cries, pressed on so fast, thronging one another in such sort in the darke, that they all confusedly on heapes fell to warres among themselves, so that within lesse then an houre by the valiantie of *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill*, and by their owne mangling and killing one another, there was full twenty thousand of them slaine. Now the *Tartarians* hearing this clattering of armour and gaspily cries among the *Muscovians*, all marched forward toward their Campe: but comming nigh, they perceived such an Ocean of bloud to cover flow the earth, that daunted with extreame feare, they turned their

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backes and fled. Now as they were thus in their flight, the new supply of *Muscovians* being within a mile of the maine *Armie*, and hearing these *Alarums*, drew forward with their weapons: meeting with the *Tartarians*, the *Tartarians* being all together amazed with feare, thinking that they had there bene beset with their enemies; with all their forces runned upon them, so that in like manner betwixt the *Tartarians* and *Muscovians* began another most sharpe and cruell battaile. *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill* being very sore wounded and wearied, seeing the *Muscovians* thus slaughtering one another in this desperate order, and perceiving the day to approach, got out from among them, and departed toward the *Citie*. Now the *Watch* new upon the walls, hearing these tumultuous farres and great hurly-burly in the *Muscovian* Camp, they ranne in all hast to the *Palace*; where forthwith they made knowne to the *King*, *Princes*, and *Peoples*, what cruell discords they supposed among their enemies: upon this every man arising from their beds, they all prepared themselves to *Armes*: now being assembled together, they missed *Pleudippo* and his *Wage*, *Dorosa* seeing them missing, presently imagined, that his brother thinking to gaine the *Palme* of victory, was with *Cosmodrill* entered *unawares* into the Campe. His conceits being once in his braine, he sodainly rushed out of the *Citie*, commanding the *Marquesse* to follow after with the *Araxonian Armie*, for my minde giueth me (quoth he) that *Pleudippo* and his *Wage* haue thus disquieted the enemies Campe, and how can they but be in most great danger? With this passing on his way, hee had not rode full a quarter of a mile, but he espied *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill* retreating toward the *Citie*, so wearie with their wachlike endeauours, and faint with their exceeding expence of bloud, that they could scarce stand upon their legges. *Dorosa* seeing this, fearing their immediate ensuing death, he alighted of his horse, and got *Pleudippo* upon his backe, hee

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himselfe going by an sorte: and although he saw Pleudippo in this bodily hazard, yet angry that he was not partaker in this action, Brother (quoth he) thought you your selfe so strong, that you needed not our ayde: or were you so envious, that you feared any should be reputed so valiant as your selfe, that you would deale thus unkindly, not to accept of our company. Pleudippo being so faint, that he could scarce speake; requested his brother to hold himselfe content, in that his honour was already sufficient, both by his obtained conquest against the Turke, and his great valour shewed the day afore against the Tartarians: and having now (quoth he) obtained the Diademe, and further fully expect the spacie fruition of your leue, what neede you thus stridly stand vpon any such point? By this time they being come into the Citie, the King exclaiming forie to see them thus fearfully murthered, sending for his owne Chirurgians, commanded them with all diligence to shew their greatest skill vpon his Nephew and the Gyant. Dorosa this while thinking to finde the enemies out of order, issued forth with all the Aragonians to set vpon them at vnawares: but being come to the Camp, they found nothing but their naked Entes, the field flowing with an Ocean of blood, and many then and of dead carkasses floating in the same. Dorosa and the rest being conuinc'd with heauinesse at this gaskie sight, they all returned backe vnto the Citie, where having certified the King of this so great confusion, the King, Dorosa, Ferraro, and the Marquesse of Rino, went all together into Pleudippoes Chamber, where they found the Chirurgeon searching his wounds, which although they found very dangerous, yet not mortall; which the King hearing, caused great Triumphes to be made, and other signes of ioy for this so fortunate end of these so bloodfull warres.

Then comming to Pleudippo: Dore Cosin (quoth hee) wherewith shall wee bee able to requite you desert?

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our whole Dominion could not be sufficient querdon for the same. Good Uncle (quoth Pleudippo) the very kindnesse of your speeches is so great a reward for my simple desert, that let this suffice, that vntill the latestt houre of my life, I will be alwaies ready to aduenture my selfe in a far more dangerous conflict, either in the defence of your Maiesty or Kingdome. These speeches being ended, they all departed his Chamber, leaving Pleudippo to his Chirurgions care.

Now the Sun being risen, the Quene, Lucibella and Flermia, comming out of their Chambers, and hearing of their foes vanquishment by the valor of Pleudippo and his Page, they reioiced greatly at this long desired end, but hearing on the other side, in what danger of death he remained, the remembrance of the one hindered the joy of the other. Thus betwene weale and woe they went all three forthwith to Pleudippoes lodging to visit him. No sooner was Lucibella entred into his chamber, but a vermillion die couered his chokes, which the Chirurgeon spying, coniectured by his outward change of countenance his inward languishment. The Quene and Flermia being comforteing Pleudippo, Lucibella calling the Chirurgeon to the window, set to questioning him of the estate of his patient. The Chirurgeon still noting, that although both the Quene and Flermia talked with him, yet his eyes sed onely vpon the face and fauour of Lucibella, surely shew'd (quoth he) although I hope not mortall, yet I hold them very dangerous, and so much the more, in that I find a languishing in the party: and herein (quoth he) if I take not my mart as mine, if you doe not as well play the Physician to his inward disease, as I the Chirurgeon to his outward wounds he will hardly escape with safety.

The Quene and Flermia seeing Pleudippo loath to answer to any of their demands, by reason of the anguish of his new dress wounds, went to the window to the Chirurgeon, which Lucibella seeing, leaving them to their talk, returned to Pleudippo, who fixing his eyes steadfastly vpon

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her, by not uttering any word. Lucibella with the year-ly tears, falling from her eyes, taking her by the hand and craning her same tenderly in her own, standing mute in this manner of length, smelt coffin (quoth she) what meanest thou thus to hazard your life among this vniuersall multitude, to purchase our happiness? how can we but ashy I call you so sufficient recompence for our obtained liberty, or which what kindnesse can we requite you to great desire? Daine Coffin charge by your selfe and let this be your content, though we cannot requite you for this, but especially I for my part, to the uttermost of my power will be ever ready to requite this your bare atchievement.

Diuine Lady (quoth Pleudippo) the countesse of whom were sufficient to fetch me from death, if it pleaseth you thus gratefully to accept so small a service of his hands who is your bownd servant untill death, may I escape this danger, I shall not only by your fauour be encouraged to undertake farre greater matters but if I finish my daies in any such attempted action, well contented with my death, dying in the seruice of such exquisite creatures. May god Coffin (quoth Lucibella) doe not once speake of your untimely death, lest you add weyse tortures, then deaths torments, to my troubled soule: then stroking her snow-white hand tenderly vpon his pale cheekes, twining his amber coloured lockes with her lilly fingers, charge by your selfe (quoth she) and let not any discontent increase the rage of your daies and dangerous wounds, but thinke what may any way assuage your paine, and you shall not faile thereof: let, I say, but Lucibella vnderstand your minde, who will not faile to visite you oft, nor to hazard her owne life to procure your longing. With this the Duane and Fierrie coming againe to Pleudippo, they all with prayers for his health, toke their leaue and departed.

So soone were they gone out of the Chamber, but the Chirurgeon with earnest latches of future fidelity, so cunningly vndermined him, as he wholly related his affliction.



